What is claimed is:

[Claim 1]   A method, comprising:

user selecting a number of events for which an outcome is not known to the user; and
automatically indicating to the user a predicted result based on a probability that a predetermined outcome will occur among the user-selected number of events.

[Claim 2]   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of events are ordered sequentially in time.

[Claim 3]   The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising collecting a payment from the user prior to the step of automatically indicating the predicted result to the user.

[Claim 4]   The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined outcome is a randomly determined result of each event, and the predicted result is determined by simulating randomly determined outcomes of a future sequence of events.

[Claim 5]   The method as claimed in claim 4,

selecting a time point in the future sequence at which a desirable result is predicted;
crediting an account for the user with a first amount according to the desirable result;
permitting the user to utilize the first amount for determining outcomes of events; and

after a minimum number of events have occurred, permitting the user to utilize a second amount in the account, remaining from the first amount, for a purpose other than for determining outcomes of events.

[Claim 6]   The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising decreasing a probability that the predetermined outcome will occur until at least the minimum number of events have occurred.

[Claim 7]   The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the time sequentially ordered events occur in the user playing of one or more games of chance.

[Claim 8]   The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising providing the account to the user by an operator of the one or more games of chance, and permitting the user to withdraw the second amount from the account after the minimum number of events have occurred.

[Claim 9]   The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the one or more games of chance are provided by an operator of a casino and the user is a player with respect to the casino.

[Claim 10] The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the one or more games of chance are played on a slot machine of the casino.

[Claim 11] The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the number of the plurality of events is selected by the user and the amount of the payment collected from the user varies according to the selected number of events.

[Claim 12] The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predicted result is indicated graphically to the user.

[Claim 13] A system, operable to:

permit a user to select a number of events for which an outcome is not known to the user, and
automatically indicate to the user a predicted result based on a probability that a predetermined outcome will occur among the user-selected number of events.

[Claim 14] The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the system is further operable to:

select a time point in the user-selected number of events at which a desirable result is predicted,
credit an account for the user with a first amount according to the desirable result,
permit the user to utilize the first amount for determining outcomes of events, and
after a minimum number of events have occurred, permit the user to utilize a second amount in the account, remaining from the first amount, for a second purpose other than for determining outcomes of events.

[Claim 15] The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the system is further operable, upon crediting the account, to decrease a probability that the predetermined outcome will occur until at least the minimum number of events have occurred.

[Claim 16] The system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the system is further operable to provide the account to the user from an operator of one or more games of chance, and permit the user to withdraw the second amount from the account after the minimum number of events have occurred.

[Claim 17] A slot machine including the system as claimed in claim 16.

[Claim 18] A recording medium having instructions recorded thereon for performing a method, the method comprising:

user selecting a number of events for which an outcome of each event is not known to the user; and
automatically indicating to the user a predicted result based on a probability that a predetermined outcome will occur among the user-selected number of events.

[Claim 19] The recording medium as claimed in claim 18, wherein the method further comprises:

selecting a time point in the user-selected number of events, at which a desirable result is predicted;
crediting an account for the user with a first amount according to the desirable result;
permitting the user to utilize the first amount for determining outcomes of events; and
after a minimum number of events have occurred, permitting the user to utilize a second amount in the account, remaining from the first amount, for a purpose other than for determining outcomes of events.

[Claim 20] The recording medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises decreasing a probability of the occurrence of the predetermined outcome until at least the minimum number of events have occurred.